New LPG connections in Jharkhand

†1439. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG consumers in Jharkhand alongwith the State's capital Ranchi;

(b) whether there is any waiting list for new LPG connections in Jharkhand;

(c) if so, by when connections will be provided to the consumers who are in waiting list; and

(d) the present status of LPG supply in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As on 01.10.2006, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are serving 9.70 lakh LPG customers in the State of Jharkhand, including 2.29 lakh LPG customers in Ranchi.

(b) and (c) New connections are available across the counter for the genuine domestic customers and there is no waiting list for release of new connections in the State of Jharkhand;

(d) At present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the State of Jharkhand and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

Transportation of gas from KG Basin

1440. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated natural gas reserves found in the Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) the details of public sector and private sector companies which have explored/owned the gas reserves alongwith their quantity and share in the total gas reserves exploited so far;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.